

FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project:
City of Denton – Denton Municipal Airport (DTO)
2. Please describe the project and its purpose:
The requested funding will be used to improve security at Denton Municipal Airport, including perimeter fencing and controlled access points.
3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:
The total project cost is \$1.1 million; the City of Denton will provide a local match of \$110,000.

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26th District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security):
Denton Municipal Airport is located in Denton County and benefits the entire North Central Texas Region, providing general aviation services and serving as a reliever for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Denton Municipal Airport serves over 28,000 general aviation visitors each year and is directly responsible for 150 full time jobs with a payroll of over \$4 million. In addition, Denton Municipal Airport is responsible for over 500 full time jobs with a payroll of over \$13 million and provides vital general aviation services for local employers.
2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:
The FAA has identified the lack of a perimeter fence at DTO as a weakness that must be addressed. Aircraft operators are increasingly limiting their operations to secure airports and the fence will allow DTO to continue its current growth trend. Denton Municipal Airport provides important benefits to the Denton and Metroplex economies, serving over 28,000 general aviation visitors each year, providing local companies with a convenient transportation option and serving as a reliever for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Recent studies have shown that the Airport is responsible for hundreds of jobs with millions of dollars in payroll.

III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:
\$990,000
2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:
Federal Aviation Administration
3. Account from which you are requesting funds:
Airport Improvement Program

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IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?
The total project cost is \$1.1 million - \$990,000 federal (90%) and \$110,000 City of Denton (10%).
2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.
The City of Denton received federal appropriations for DTO as follows: \$2 million in FY 2003, \$2 million in FY 2004 and \$2 million in FY 2006.
3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.
The City of Denton has received state (Texas AIP state block grant) and City of Denton funds for a variety of improvements at DTO. Completed projects include a new terminal and administration building and a new parallel taxiway. In addition, there has been extensive private investment at DTO, including the construction of several hangars and maintenance facilities.
4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.
Yes, the City of Denton is committed to funding future improvements at DTO and continues to work with the state on funding for future improvements.
5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?
The requested federal funds will be spent on construction of a perimeter fence with secured access points around DTO.
6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.
The project is eligible for funding under the Airport Improvement Program as authorized by the Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (PL 106-181).

V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).
The project enjoys widespread support and letters of support will be provided.
2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).
No.
3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.
The project is included in the DTO Master Plan and can proceed to construction in FY 2009 if fully funded.

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VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?
John Cabrales, City of Denton Public Information/Government Relations Office
2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):
940-349-8509
john.cabrales@cityofdenton.com
3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?
City of Denton
215 East McKinney
Denton TX 76201

VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?
The entire request can be spent in FY 2009.
2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?
Yes.
If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?
Yes.
3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?
NA
4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?
NA

PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, Perry McNeill, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF the City of Denton MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.

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4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

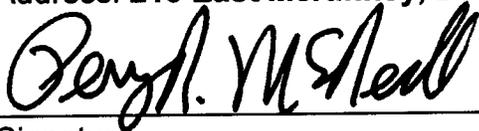
Name of person certifying: **Perry McNeill**

Title of person certifying: **Mayor of Denton**

Project name as it will appear in the bill: **Denton Municipal Airport**

Legal name of entity making request: **City of Denton, Texas**

Address: **215 East McKinney, Denton, Texas 76201**



3-7-08

Signature

Date